718. *[Transferred to the 11th August,* 1988].

Benefit *of* Counter-Trade

719. DR. R. K. FODDAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are encouraging countertrade as an instrument of international trade.

(b) if so, what is the volume of counter-trade since its introduction; and

(c) what benefits have accrued to the country as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Government have decided. to encourage Public Sector Enterprises to promote exports linked to import of capital goods and bulk imports in order to augment foreign exchange earnings; gain access for Indian products and manufacturers in new markets and develop new marketing channels.

(b) The local exports under Counter. Trade has been Rs. 1064 Crores (Provisional) so far since its introduction.

(e) This has resulted in exports of non-traditional items of exports to new markets as well as helped in obtaining contracts for execution of projects in other countries.

Opening of NTC Sales Centres in UP.

720. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of sale centres of the National Textiles Centres along with their location in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for the opening of more sale centres in U.P.; and

(c) if so by when these centres are likely to be opened and what will be the number of such centres?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) there are 57 retail show rooms of NTC in Uttar Pradesh. A Statement regarding these retail showrooms is enclosed. *(See* below).

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Statement

I. KANPUR DIVISION

1. Civil Lines, Allahabad
2. Etawah
3. Hazratganj, Lucknow
4. Unnao
5. Govind Nagar, Kanpur
6. Gumtj No. 5 Kanpur
7. Katra Allahabad
8. Fatehpur
9. Raibareli
10. PPN, Kanpur
11. Gaughat, Allahabad
12. Kidwainagar, Kanpur
13. LIC, Kanpur
14. Bereilly
15. Jhansi
16. Shahjahanpur
17. Aminabad, Lucknow
18. SCM, Kanpur
19. Chowk, Allahabad
20. Atherton, Kanpur
21. Fatehpur (Barabanki)
22. LRM, Kanpur
23. Barabanki

II. GHAZIABAD DIVISION

1. Agra
2. Almora